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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action containing a restriction requirement mailed June 15, 2004 setting a one-month period for reply. Applicants elect, with traverse, the claims of Group II.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a), a one-month extension of the term for reply, i.e., to up to and including August 15, 2004 is requested. As August 15, 2004 fell on a Sunday, this response is being filed the following business day, Monday, August 16, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$110.00 in payment of the fee therefore, as well as any other required fee, or to credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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may result in any divisional applications filed). Restriction has not been shown to be proper, especially since it has been shown that the requisite showing of serious burden has not been made. Indeed, the search and examination of each Group would be likely to be co-extensive and, in any event, would involve such interrelated art that the search and examination of the entire application can be made without undue burden on the Examiner. All of the preceding, therefore, mitigate against restriction.

Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement and election of species are respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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